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A RECORD FOR OUR SENIOR SENATOR

The Senior United States Senator from Virginia, the Hon. Harry F. Byrd, this week reached a landmark in his notable career. This week he reached the record of having served longer in the Senate than any other Virginian. The previous record had been held by the late Carter Glass, of our neighboring Hill City.

The Editor of this newspaper was a student in college when Harry Byrd took over as Governor of Virginia. We recall with pleasant memories our pride in the great record he made in that honored position of trust. History has to be written many decades after the events described, but we can declare it as our opinion that Harry Byrd was one of the truly great Governors of the Old Dominion.

And then, when the late Senator Claude Swanson was promoted to the Cabinet, Harry Byrd went to the Senate, and there he is today, and there he will serve on to establish a length-of-office record each and every day he serves.

Over the course of such a long career, it is unreasonable to suggest complete agreement on every vote and every stand taken by a public official. However, we can state with firmness and conviction, that Virginia should be proud of the public career of our distinguished Senior Senator. His relentless fight for basic principles of good government, and his battle for fiscal soundness have long since established him as one of the all-time great Senators. And in like manner, his career proves the sound judgment of our Southland in sending good men to Washington and keeping them there so that they might win seniority, and so increase their influence and usefulness.

We congratulate Senator Byrd upon the new record he has established, and we congratuate the citizens of Virginia for their sound judgment in keeping Senator Byrd in Washington.

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THE TRAVELING SEASON

It was recently reported that Senator John Kennedy, Democratic presidential candidate, is considering a trip to Africa. Vice President Nixon, of course, is getting ready to be off for Russia and Siberia.

Meanwhile, another presidential candidate,. Senator Hubert Humphrey, has announced that he is making plans to visit the Far East, and Asia. It seems, therefore, that the presidential candidates now feel that the "right" thing for them to do, politically, is to travel to all ends of the globe, to become world citizens, etc.

Just what Kennedy is going to Africa for, and whether Senator Humphrey will gain anything from visiting Indonesia, the Philippines, etc., we do not know. But if the presidential nomination race is to be decided by the question of which candidate has traveled the globe to the greatest degree, then obviously some candidates should arrange a trip in a jet or rocket plane—around the world.

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THE HURRICANE SEASON

The hurricane season, according to the Weather Bureau, is here. It opened officially on June 15th, and on that day the U. S. Weather Bureau's hurrican's wire circuit came into operation.

That wire circuit extends from Galveston, Texas, along the Gulf and around Florida, and up to New England. Government weather observers say that a storm on May 28th threatened to become a hurricane, but never quite reached that stage. It is known as storm Arlene, and it drenched Louisiana with some nine and one-half inches of rain, although its wind never exceeded fifty miles per hour.

A hurricane contains winds of at least seventy-five miles per hour, and usually covers an area of several hundred miles. Last year one hurricane seriously affected the U .S .mainland. It caused some six to eight million dollars of damage in the Carolinas.

While the warning system has improved somewhat in recent years, it is still something of a guessing game, and from now until November 15th, when the hurricane season officially ends, citizens in the eastern part of the United States should pay close attention to hurricane warnings, and take necessary precautions even if the storm is within striking distance, but not expected to cause trouble.

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About half the people of the world are busy trying to direct the lives of the other half.

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Almost any efficiency expert can speed up another man's business.

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There is nothing as pompous as an "authority" who has to maintain his reputation.

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You would, no doubt, be surprised to know what some of your friends say behind your back.

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A genius is an individual who has sense enough to get along with less fortunate human beings.

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At this writing we are 198 books behind in the reading of the volumes that the critics say everyone should read.

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The business of living ought to be equally as important as the business of making money, if you get what we mean.

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When a young man and young women sit close together and talk in whispers, they are not discussing the Russian crisis.

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When you go to sleep reading an article, the chances are that the author was asleep when he wrote it.

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Few families understand how hard it is for the old man to pay the family bills.

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After the ambulance takes away the victims, it is too late to resolve to drive carefully.

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The end of the world will catch too many of us behind in our work.

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Eating between meals will, at least, make less important what is placed on the table.

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Few utterances contain sufficie nt wisdom to be repeated after the lapse of a few years.

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Read a book occasionally, even if you have to borrow one.

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A Nation Under God

Lesson for July 5, 1959

"THIS NATION, under God" has been a classic phrase ever since Lincoln said it. The expression had no doubt been used before him. Indeed the reverse side of the United States seal, which can be seen on the back of any dollar bill, shows an unfinished pyramid, right under an eye which the designers meant to be the eye of God. For the motto over the picture is ANNUIT COEPTIS. This being translated means "He has approved the things which have been begun." But who is "He"? It can be none other than God. For without his approval it does no good to brag about anybody else's.

Dr. Foreman

The Gods of the Nations

So from the very beginning, our nation on its official seal has acknowledged that is was begun and must continue under the eye of God. His approval is vital. We put "In God we trust" on our coins. We open Congress with prayer every day it meets. We administer solemn oaths to public officials. Even in the army, where you would perhaps not expect it, the Department of Defense sees to it that every man has the opportunity to worship God. At Fort Knox, for instance, there are not less than 20 chapels provided by the army and used every day by Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

It is not a novelty, or a peculiar thing, for a nation to recognize God officially, and to keep God—a god of some kind—before the eyes of the people. Armies have had chaplains since back in the times of the Romans—not in the modern sense of course, but professional religious men who accompanied the troops. The Chinese emperors used to sacrifice annually to the God of Heaven. We all know about the Japanese Shinto, a religion all tied up with intense patriotism. In Abraham's time and long before that, the priest-kings of Ur used to sacrifice to the city's special deity, Nannar the moon-god. Every nation has some God. Even the wild Scythians, who bowed to no other god, would thrust a bare sword into the ground and offer sacrifice to the sword.

Where We Hang Our Hearts

Whatever a man hangs his heart on and depends on, said Martin Luther, that is his God. What a man hangs his heart on, in reality, may not be the God he officially acknowledges. "In God we trust," says every nickel of our money. But do we trust God or our money? What do we depend on? ICBM's, those intercontinental ballistic missiles that can destroy whole cities at one shot? IBM machines, those immense robots that can solve problems faster than any human being can? What is it that can render us secure? Space satellites? More education? Democratic government? A favorable trade balance—keeping other nations always in debt to us? Capitalism? These are all gods—somebody hangs his heart on these, some of all of these, and depends on them. But they are not God.

The God of Jesus Christ

The Christian belief about God is summed up in Paul's title for him in Romans 15:6: "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Any sort of alleged god who does not measure up to that, is no true God. Any "god" who bears no family resemblance to Christ, any "god" Christ would have disowned, is no God. This proposition should set us thinking. One of the thoughts is this: A favorite book of Jesus in the Old Testament, one he quotes often, was Deuteronomy. Now the book of Deuteronomy makes a great deal of the idea of a nation under God. But close to the very beginning of that book you will find the Ten Commandments. The true God is the one who gives to man the law by which he lives. No man and no nation has any right to suppose that either a nation or a man can claim the favor and protection of God, and at the same time defy him by breaking his laws. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because he is indeed the High God, says to every nation that professes to be "under" him: Do you mean it?

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Washington Notes

'Family Memorial Month'

Every November would be "family memorial month" under a resolution introduced recently by Senators Aiken and Prouty, Republicans of Vermont.

The month would be devoted to remembering parents and other members of the family by dedicating memorials, the Senators said.

Russ Okay Nixon

The Soviet Government has agreed to allow Vice President Nixon to tour some Siberian cities during his good will visit to Russia next month.

Such a trip would make Nixon the highest ranking United States official ever to visit this highly restricted region in peacetime, Vice President Wallace toured Siberia briefly during World War II.

Housing Bill

Democratic leaders have backed a compromise $1,310,000,000 housing bill pruned sharply to avoid a budget-busting tag and a possible Presidential veto.

Although a Senate House conference committee has yet to work out final details, House Speaker Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Johnson have passed the word they want a measure limited to a two-year program and tailored to stay within Eisenhower's new budget.

The National Debt

President Eisenhower's request for a one-year increase to $295,-000,000 in the national debt limit has been approved by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The committee also voted an increase to $285,000,000,000 in the permanent debt limit, now $283,-000,000,000. The President has asked Congress to fix the permanent limit at $288,000,000,000.

Hits Defense Plan

The Democratic Advisory Council has assailed the Administration's defense policies and advocated increased military spending of $7,500,000,000 [illegible] four or five [illegible] The council [illegible] word pamphlet [illegible] some detail to [illegible] istration's [illegible]

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Rocks

Rocks, June 28.- The hot, dry weather is wonderful for the grain harvest. It is not good for the crops and gardens, which need water very much.

After the delightful cool week that we enjoyed, came extremely hot weather.

The organizations met on last Tuesday night with very good attendance.

Claude Leffel came home from the hospital Sunday, much improved in health.

Friends are glad to know that R. L. Jennings, who has been a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital, returned to his home last Wednesday and is much improved.

Emory Ranson is improving at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson were visiting him and his family in Amherst awhile Saturday night.

Rodney Roach joined his wife and children here last week.

Misses Mary Willie and Catherine Ranson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and girls to their home at Stuart Sunday for a visit.

Quite a few from here attended the Sanders and Murray wedding at Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church at Pamplin Saturday night. Misses Charlene and Mary Edith Ranson, Irma Lee Shelton and Barbara Gilliam were attendants in this wedding.

Cassie Balowin was visiting her aunt, Mrs J. Henry Wilkerson, who is a patient in the Southside Hospital in Farmville Sundhy afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L .C. Elder were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Ramsey at Pamplin awhile last Wednesday night.

Health and Beauty

The diet for an older person should be watched carefully to be sure it includes good quality protein foods like milk and meat to protect them against anemia, vitamin deficiences and so forth.

Nutritionists recommend that older people continue to use a moderate amount of milk - about two glasses a day. Milk is a source of good quality protein, a moderate amount of calcium and a very good supply of riboflaven.

A balanced diet for older people should be composed of meat, milk, yellow and leafy vegetables, fruits and a moderate amount of cereals and bread. This group should not let themselves fall into the all too common habit of nibbling biscuits, cakes and other sweets and then not having an appetite for the foods they should get each day.

We have brought out this point before in this column, but we believe it is worth bringing up again, and it is — that the worst diets are found among the very poor and the very rich. People with extremely low incomes and a low level of understanding of nutrition tend to eat too much of the dry, staple foods that are high in starch.

In the upper-income groups they tend to eat too many sweets and starchy foods because they taste good .Children in this group always have plenty of spending money and they usually eat the wrong things too.

Good nutrition is most often found in the upper-middle class families where the homemaker is intelligent and interested enough in good nutrition to take pride in providing balanced meals for her family.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

There are very few garden soils that can't be improved by the addition of organic matter. It areates the soil - an important factor often over-looked - and helps the growth of bacteria and other vital soil microorganisms.

It must be understood that the use of organic matter is not a substitute for plant food; however, at the same time, neither is plant food a substitute for organic matter. This is a common mistake among gardeners.

Most forms of organic matter have no nutrient value at all. In cases where some small nutrient value is present, it becomes very slowly available to the plants. If the organic matter is not at least partly decomposed, it has a reversed action - starving the plants.

In order to be of use, bacteria must have a supply of nitrogen. Bacteria feed on and thus decompose, organic matter. Some excellent foods for bacteria are straw, fresh sawdust, chopped corncobs, or shredded bark. When bacteria are in the process of decomposing this matter, they draw nitrogen from the soil - before the plants have a chance to do so. Thus, the plants become starved for nitrogen.

Commercial fertilizers all contain nitrogen. You can see how important it is to feed plants which are mulched.

For the gardener who must watch his burget, sawdust is a very satisfactory mulch and is fine worked into the soil to provide organic matter. If it is fresh, be sure to add extra nitrogen fertilizer, such as ammonuium sulfate.

USDA REPORTS 22 MILLION ACRES OF CONSERVATION COVER IN FIVE YEARS

During the past five years, farmers have established about 22 million acres of grasses, legumes, and trees under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

This record, compiled by the ACP service of the U .S. Department of Agriculture, was announced this week by W .T. Powers, administrative officer for the Virginia Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee which administers ACP in Virginia.

Powers pointed out that the ACP gives particular attention to conservation measures that help farmers make a transition from cropland to grass and trees, and help keep protective cover on land that otherwise might be shifted to intensive crop use.

The report states that a high percentage of the 22 million acres represented cropland that had been producing at an "intensive level" before establishment in conservation cover. Figures were given for the five program years 1953-58.

Some amounts and kinds of conservation reported were:

7,500,000 acres of permanent cover — seeding to keep land out of intensive land-use for at least five to seven years, and in some cases, permanently. More than 207,-280 acres of this were seeded in Virginia.

11,000,000 acres in rotation grass or legume seedings (in addition to the normal acreage of such crops on the farm) — seedings to keep the land out of intensive crop use for at least two or three years. Nearly 90,700 acres were seeded in Virginia.

2,500,000 acres of temporary cover — seedings to protect the soil from winter or summer erosion, to take or keep land out of intensive crop use, and to increase soil organic matter. More than 312,600 acres were seeded in Virginia.

1,000,000 acres of trees and shrubs planted for permanent retirement of farmland from field crops and pasture. Plantings of tree seedlings in Virginia totaled 43,-134 acres.

360,000 water storage reservoirs —6,980 in Virginia.

Powers added that thousands of acres of cropland were taken out of production by other land-use and improvement practices.

"We hear a lot these days about balanced economy and a balanced farm program," Powers said. "The Agricultural Conservation Program not only helps the farmers solve specific and urgent conservation problems on their farms, but it also helps correct the current imbalance in agriculture by diverting cropland to grass and trees.

"And the total conservation effort strengthens the land for the future and therefore helps assure the public of a ready potential to supply more food and fiber when an increase is needed."

SAFETY WARNINGS FOR HOLIDAY WEEK-END

Richmond.- With the approach of the dangerous Fourth of July week-end, Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, warned against the monotonously recurrent crash factors of such holidays — hasty actions arising from impatience, drinking and exhaustion.

During the 78-hour Fourth of July holiday last year, he said, there were nine fatal crashes which killed 12 people. Six of these were either of the angle-vehicle or collision type. In one, it was established, that the driver had been driving for a long period and was suffering from utter exhaustion. In three, excessive speed was the sole factor. In another, speed, alcohol, and improper passing were assigned as responsible with alcohol and improper passing stated to have caused still another. Three pedestrians died for an abnormally large percentage of the total.

One pedestrian was killed by a hit-and-run driver which precluded the gathering of pertinent information. The other two pedestrian victims were children. Defective brakes and a drinking driver figured in one while the driver did not see the victim due to failing light in the other.

Six of the total crashes, Colonel Woodson continued, occurred in darkness with two occurring in twilight and only one under favorable light conditions.

This analysis, the safety official felt, bears out the theory that weekend trippers attempt to hurry in reaching their destinations, are prone to drink more than usual, often exhaust themselves with strenuous activity to which they are not accustomed and return home after dark when traffic is most dangerous and they are not in the best physical condition for driving.

"It is most important," he warned, "to drive defensively. A national survey undertaken recently (Kemper Insurance) indicates that seven out of 10 people killed in traffic die as the innocent victims of drivers who are violating traffic laws."

Colonel Woodson then pointed out that Virginia is again participating in the national "Slow Down and Live" campaign which is directed against speeding and other "in a hurry" violations and which runs from Memorial Day week - end through Labor Day. "We might amend this title," he concluded, "into 'Slow Down, Live and Let Live.'"

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